IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for initiating an online meeting over a data network between a host party with a first computer and an attendee party with a second computer, where a phone connection exists over a telephone network between a first phone of the host party and a second phone of the attendee party, the method comprising:

receiving a start meeting command at a first adaptor coupled to both the first phone and the first computer;

in response to the first adaptor receiving the start meeting command, causing, by the first adaptor, the first computer to send a start meeting message over the data network to a data center;

receiving, at the first adaptor from the first computer, a meeting identification that was generated by the data center;

storing the meeting identification in the first adaptor; and

transmitting the meeting identification from the first adaptor over the telephone network to a second adaptor, which is coupled to both the second phone and the second computer.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, comprising:

receiving the meeting identification into the second adaptor from the telephone network; and

causing by the second adaptor, the second computer to send a join meeting message over the data network to the data center.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the telephone network comprises a public switched telephone network.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the data network comprises an internet.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2   encoding the meeting identification by the first adaptor prior to transmitting the

3 meeting identification over the telephone network to the second adaptor.

1 6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the second adaptor receives the

2 meeting identification by monitoring the phone connection to detect the encoded meeting

3 identification.

1 7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein said encoding converts the meeting

2 identification into a dual tone multiple frequency (DTMF) signal.

1 8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2   initiating an audio recording of the meeting by user input on one of said adaptors.

1 9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2   recording audio of the meeting from the phone connection through one of said

3 adaptors to the computer coupled thereto.

1 10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2   recording audio of the meeting from the phone connection within flash memory of

3 one of the said adaptors.

1 11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2   enabling a privilege-to-record field for the attendee prior to allowing an audio

3 recording of the meeting by way of the second adaptor.

1 12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2   a third party with a third computer joining the meeting using a third adaptor which

3 is coupled to both a third phone and a third computer.

1 13. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2   receiving an audio message from the data center and playing the audio message to

3   one of said parties.

1   14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the audio message includes instructions

2   relating to the meeting.

1   15-28. (Canceled)

1   29. (Previously Presented) An adaptor product configured to bridge a telephone network

2   and a data network, the adaptor product comprising:

3   means for receiving a start meeting command at the adaptor product, the adaptor

4   produced configured to be coupled to both a first phone and a first computer;

5   means for causing, in response to the adaptor product receiving the start meeting

6   command, the first computer coupled to the adaptor product to transmit a start meeting

7   message over the data network to a data center;

8   means for receiving into the adaptor product from the first computer, a meeting

9   identification that was generated by the data center; and

10   means for transmitting the meeting identification from the adaptor product over

11   the telephone network to a second adaptor product.

1   30-35. (Canceled)

1   36. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising:

2   a plurality of interfaces operable to couple the apparatus to both a first phone and

3   a first computer;

4   a user input mechanism operable to receive a start meeting command;

5   a microprocessor operable to cause the first computer coupled to the apparatus to

6   send a start meeting message over a data network to a data center, in response to receipt

7   of the start meeting command at the user input mechanism of the apparatus;

8   a memory operable to store a meeting identification that was generated by the

9 data center and received from the first computer; and

10   wherein the microprocessor is further operable to cause the first phone to transmit

11 the meeting identification over a telephone network to a second apparatus, which is

12 coupled to a second phone and a second computer.

1 37. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 36, further comprising:

2   a codec operable to encode the meeting identification prior to transmission of the

3 meeting identification over the telephone network to the second apparatus.

1 38. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 36, further comprising:

2   a modem operable to convert the meeting identification into a dual tone multiple

3 frequency (DTMF) signal.

1 39. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 36, further comprising:

2   a flash memory operable to store an audio recording of the meeting.

1 40. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 36, wherein the plurality of interfaces

2 include a Universal Serial Bus (USB) interface operable to couple the apparatus to the

3 first computer and registered jack (RJ) interface operable to couple the apparatus to the

4 first phone.

1 41. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 36, wherein the plurality of interfaces

2 are further operable to receive an audio message to be played from the data center.

1 42. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 36, wherein the plurality of interfaces

2 are further operable to receive an audio message, wherein the audio message includes

3 instructions relating to the meeting.

1   43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein causing includes sending the

2   start meeting command from the first adaptor to the first computer.